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SUBMARINES CROSS OCEAN

DARING GERMAN U-BOATS POUNCE ON SHIPPING OUTSIDE 3-MILE LIMIT

Four British, One Dutch, One Norwegian Sent to Bottom in One Day Off Coast of Massachusetts.

ONE SUBMARINE ENTERS PORT

With Flag Flying and Deck Loaded With Torpedoes She Delivers Message and Puts to Sea.

Newport, R. I.—The executive officer of the destroyer Ericsson returning early Monday from the scene of the German submarine activities off Nantucket, reported that nine ships had been sunk, and that three submarines are operating off the coast. This information, he said, he had on the authority of the captain of the Nantucket Shoals lightship.

Boston.—The submarine arm of the Imperial German navy ravaged shipping off the eastern coast of the United States Sunday.

Four British, one Dutch and one Norwegian steamers were sent to the bottom or left crippled derelicts off Nantucket Shoals.

So far as known there was no loss of life, though the crew of the British steamer Kingston had not been accounted for.

A submarine held up the American steamer Kansas, bound from New York with steel for the establishment of her identity, allowed the American to proceed. The Kansas came into Boston harbor for her usual call here.

The hostile submarine is believed to be the U-53, which paid a call to Newport Saturday, and disappeared at sunset. Some naval men, however, declared that at least two submarines are operating close to the American shore, though outside the three-mile limit.

The record of submarine warfare, as brought to land by wireless dispatches, follows:

Strathdene, British freighter, torpedoed and sunk off Nantucket, crew taken aboard Nantucket Shoals lightship and later removed to Newport by American torpedo boat destroyers. The Strathdene left New York Sunday for Bordeaux, and was attacked at 8 A. M.

West Point, British freighter, torpedoed and sunk off Nantucket. Crew abandoned the ship in small boats after a warning shot from the submarine's gun. Officers and men were taken aboard a destroyer.

Stephano, British passenger liner, plying regularly between New York, Halifax and St. John's, N. F., torpedoed southeast of Nantucket, bound for New York. Passengers and crew, numbering about 140, were picked up by the destroyer Balch and brought to Newport. The attack was made at 4:30 P. M.

Kingston, British freighter, torpedoed and sunk southeast of Nantucket. Crew missing and destroyer searching for them. This vessel is not accounted for in maritime registers, and may be the Kingston. The attack occurred at 9 P. M.

Bloomersdijk, Dutch freighter, torpedoed and sunk south of Nantucket. Crew taken aboard a destroyer. The steamer was bound for Rotterdam from New York.

The Bloomersdijk carried a crew of 50 men and a cargo of grain valued at \$500,000, consigned to the government of The Netherlands, according to W. Van Doorn, an official here of the Holland-American line. He intimated that international complications might arise.

Christian Knudsen, a Norwegian freighter, torpedoed and sunk near where the Bloomersdijk went down. Crew picked up by destroyers. The vessel sailed from New York Saturday for London.

Americans On Board Torpedoed Ship. The British steamer Stephano, carrying 44 first-cabin and 39 second-cabin passengers, including many American tourists and a crew of 75, was sunk off Nantucket Lightship.

Traders Will Co-Operate. Bordeaux.—John Barrett, director-general of the Pan-American Union, who has been discussing Latin-American trade matters with manufacturers and financiers in France and England, said before sailing on the liner Lafayette for New York that he had found them in both countries planning to make greater efforts to improve commercial and financial relations with all America.

Carranza May Not Run. El Paso, Tex.—General Carranza has made no formal statement of his position. Consul Pesqueira said, "but there is a strong feeling among the men who are close to him in the national capital that he will not be a candidate."

By a recent decree issued by General Carranza the president will serve only one term of four years, as the decree specifies that there shall be no reelection to the Presidency.

VILLA FORCES MEN TO JOIN HIM; PEOPLE FLEE THREATENED CITIES

Field Headquarters American Punitive Expedition, Mexico.—Fear of Villa throughout southern Chihuahua, according to reports received at headquarters, has caused wagonloads of refugees to stream into El Valle and San Buenaventura, from the south. The reports also say that residents are deserting the towns along the railroad. El Valle, near which is the southernmost camp of the punitive expedition, is said to be overcrowded.

Reports conflict regarding the band leader's headquarters. Villa, according to rumor, is attaching to his command all males he meets between the ages of 10 and 80.

El Paso, Tex.—Francisco Villa and 800 bandits are moving from the Guerrero district in a southeasterly direction toward Santa Rosalia, 100 miles south of Chihuahua City, a refugee from the Cusuhirachic mining district reported here. He says Villa is moving in the direction of Carichic, San Francisco de Borja and Satevo, through which the Mexican Central railroad passes. This journey is 15 miles overland and is through the wildest country of western Chihuahua.

The refugee was told by one of Villa's colonels after the battle of Cusuhirachic that he must stay away from Villa if he valued his life, as "the general" had announced that he would kill all Mexicans who were employed by American companies.

Nogales, Ariz.—Several hundred Yaquis attacked Lalo, 85 miles south of here, late Monday. The fighting lasted several hours. Many are reported killed but no particulars are available.

The whole country is reported to be aroused and the band is believed to be the same tribe which burned Sierra la Plata mines, 45 miles southeast of here, recently. Much uneasiness is felt by Nogales and Sonora officials.

German War Submarine Enters Newport, Va., to Deliver Message

Newport, R. I.—Seventeen days from Wilhelmshafen, the Imperial German submarine U-53 dropped anchor in Newport harbor Saturday.

Almost before the officers of the American fleet of warships through which the stranger had nosed her way had recovered from their astonishment, the undersea fighter had delivered a message for the German ambassador and, weighing anchor, turned toward Brenton's Reef lightship and disappeared beneath the waves just inside the three-mile limit.

As she came and went she flew the black and white colors of the German navy, a gun was mounted on the forward deck and another aft, while eight torpedoes plainly were visible under the forward deck, giving mute assurance that the warship was ready for a fight at the drop of the hat.

Lieutenant Captain Hans Rose, who hung up a new world's record in bringing an armed submarine in battle array across the Atlantic, said that he had called at Newport simply to mail a letter to Count von Bernstorff. He requested neither provisions nor fuel and would be on his way, he said, long before the 24 hours during which a belligerent ship may remain within a neutral harbor had expired.

The submarine was in American waters a little more than three hours, assuming that she continued to sea after submerging. Within that time the German commander paid official visits to Rear-Admiral Austin M. Knight, commander of the second naval district, and Rear-Admiral Gleaves, commander of the destroyer force of the Atlantic fleet, who was on board the flagship, the scout cruiser Birmingham. Both American officers returned the brief calls promptly.

Compulsion Put to Vote. San Francisco.—A cablegram received here by the Australian Trade Commission to America said that a popular vote is to be taken on the question of conscription in Australia, a federal referendum bill having been passed. The defense act, the message said, gives the military authorities of Australia power to call up men for home service and a proclamation has been issued calling up single men between the ages of 21 and 25. Should conscription pass these men would be sent to the European battlefields.

Weyerhaeuser Director. St. Paul.—Frederick E. Weyerhaeuser, son of the late Frederick Weyerhaeuser, multimillionaire lumberman, was elected a director of the Great Northern Railway company to fill the vacancy caused by the death of James J. Hill, at a meeting of the board of directors held in the offices of Louis W. Hill, president of the railway company. The meeting preceded the annual meeting of stockholders of the Great Northern Railway.

Exchange Seats \$74,500. New York.—A seat on the New York Stock Exchange was sold Wednesday for \$74,500, an advance on the last sale of \$4500. This sale marked the high record for the year.

268 Whales Are Taken. Aberdeen, Wash.—The whaling season on Grays Harbor came to a close with a catch of 268 for the year. This is better than the normal catch, although not up to last season, when 254 were taken. The season's catch is estimated as having a total value of nearly \$300,000. Nine sperm whales among those taken this season, and this is about the average catch for a season of this most valuable species. The bones are being pulverized for fertilizer.

AMERICA REJECTS SUGGESTIONS OF ALLIES ON SUBMARINE WAR

Washington, D. C.—The American memorandum on use of neutral waters by belligerent submarines, the text of which was made public by the state department Wednesday, declares the allies have failed to show why such vessels should be denied entrance to neutral ports and that no circumstances have been set forth rendering the usual provisions of international law inapplicable to underwater craft. The United States reserves complete liberty of action in dealing with belligerent submarines.

No specific mention of the Deutschland is made in the memorandum, although the allied communication is understood to have been prompted by the failure of the United States to consider that vessel as having any characteristics making her status different from that of the ordinary merchantman.

Surprise is expressed "that there appears to be an endeavor on the part of the allied powers to determine the rule of action," in respect to the use of submarines and at the suggestion that there is great danger in permitting neutral submarines to visit waters that may be visited by belligerent submarines. The government declares that "responsibility for any conflict that may arise between belligerent warships and neutral submarines on account of the neglect of a belligerent power to distinguish between these classes of submarines must rest entirely upon the negligent powers."

The memorandum, originally sent to France, Great Britain, Russia and Japan on August 31 in reply to their identical memoranda of August 22, later was sent also to Italy and Portugal.

While the allied communication was published some time ago, the American reply was not given out until the recent U-boat activities seemed to make a public statement of the government's position imperative.

Chicago City Hall Offices Raided by Officers of State's Attorney

Chicago.—Mayor William Hale Thompson's office, that of Chief of Police Charles E. H. Sawyer and that of Second Deputy Funkhouser were entered Wednesday afternoon by four assistants of the state's attorney and 16 detectives assigned to the office of the chief of police.

Receiving those three officials and their assistants to turn over to the grand jury all books, records, letters and papers bearing on gambling, slot machines, Sunday closing and disorderly houses, secured there since April 1915.

It was an unprecedented and sensational move which threw the city hall into excitement bordering on a panic.

The raid was made while the city council was in session with the mayor in the chair and created a sensation in the city hall.

When Mayor Thompson was advised of the raid in the council chamber he said: "It was not necessary to send all these fellows over here; a messenger could have taken over the stuff that Hoyne wants. I do not believe the grand jury wants it, anyway."

Others besides the mayor and chief against whom the subpoenas were directed are: Charles Fitzmorris, the mayor's secretary; William Lathard, the chief's secretary; and John J. Naughton, sergeant in the office of the chief in charge of records.

Foreign Submarine Sighted Off Georgia Coast; Shipowners Worry

Savannah, Ga.—The presence of a submarine of undetermined nationality off Tybee Bar, off Savannah, was reported to local custom house officials and to the British consul here, it was learned Wednesday. Officials at both the custom house and consulate refused to say where their information came from, but each emphasized the statement that it was "entirely unofficial." No American undersea boats are believed to be in these waters.

It was reported in marine circles here that the naval yard at Charleston, S. C., had been advised by wireless of the presence of a submarine off Tybee bar. Custom house officials and those of the British consulate said their information was that a submarine was off the bar Wednesday. Several allied merchant ships are in port here, and officers of several acknowledged that they were "slow in loading," although all declared reports of submarine activities would not prevent their departure.

Eleven U-Boat Victims Saved.

London.—A report that 11 men from the Norwegian steamship Ravn, sunk by a submarine in the Arctic last month; have been rescued, is said by the Exchange Telegraph's Christiania correspondent to have been received by the Norwegian foreign office. Four other men perished from exhaustion and a boat containing five men was lost.

The Norwegian shipowners' association has demanded that the government take measures to protect Norwegian steamers.

Hunter, Shot, Loses Toe. Newport, Or.—M. H. Abbey, proprietor of the Abbey hotel, was compelled last week to have the great toe on his right foot amputated as a result of a gunshot wound sustained the first day of the deer season. He was standing with his rifle muzzle resting on his foot when it was accidentally discharged, shattering a bone in the toe.

Two American Ships Sunk. London.—Two American ships, the Harvix and the Columbia, have been sunk, according to a dispatch received by the Norwegian minister in Petrograd, from H. A. Falson, the Norwegian consul-general at Archangel, Russia. The dispatch says great difficulty has been experienced in obtaining accurate information.

NEWS ITEMS

'Of General Interest'

About Oregon

640-Acre Bill Not Law. The Dalles.—Because of numerous inquiries regarding the passage of the stockraising homestead 640-acre bill, Representative N. J. Sinnott has given out the following statement:

"The statement that has been published in several small papers in this state that the stockraising homestead 640-acre bill had been passed and became a law is erroneous. The bill did not pass. The bill went through the house and passed to the senate, where several amendments were attached to it and returned to the house. The return was made on the last day of the session and, therefore, the house could not have passed it if it wanted to, as there was not enough time for consideration. The bill will not be acted upon until the next session of congress."

The bill provides for the taking up of 640 acres of stockraising land with the sanction of the secretary of the interior.

Coos Coal in Demand.

Marshfield.—Local coalmine operators are receiving urgent inquiries from several points in the Willamette valley about coal shipments and it is believed that the fall and winter business will develop an extensive and steady demand.

Four mines of average capacity are now working, but only two could handle outside orders over the railroad at the present time.

The Henryville mine is keeping its output up to a point which will furnish the Smith-Powers Logging company locomotives their necessary 50 tons per day, and would have to do some development to increase the sales to twice that size. The Beaver Hill mine is capable of handling a much larger daily output.

Bad Men Escape From Pen.

Salem.—James O'Brien and Frank Smith, two of the most desperate characters in the Oregon penitentiary, escaped Wednesday night. Posses scoured the surrounding country, but obtained no trace of the fugitives. A reward of \$50 for the capture of each man has been offered.

Both Smith and O'Brien were serving from two to five years for burglary. The escape was effected after the men had sawed the steel padlocks on their cells and scaled the 18-foot wall with a rope made from their blankets. The men had been confined in new steel cells placed in the prison yard especially to hold recalcitrant prisoners.

B. B. Smith, a wall guard, slept while the men scaled the wall within 40 feet of him, and was later summarily discharged.

Station Bulletins Now Available.

- 114 Hop Investigation, Tartar & Pilkington.
117 Loganberry By-Products, Lewis & Brown.
118 Ammonification and Nitrification Studies of Certain Types of Oregon Soils, Beckwith, Vass, Robinson.
119 A Report of the Experimental and Demonstration Work on the Substation Farms at Moro, Burns, Redmond and Metolius, Scudder.
121 The Common Red Spider or Spider Mite, Ewing.
122 Irrigation and Soil Moisture Investigations in Western Oregon, Powers.
123 Somatic Segregation of Character in the Le Conte Pear, Tuftis.
129 Pollination of Pomaceous Fruits; Part II, Bradford.
132 Economics of Apple Orchard, Lewis & Vickers.
133 Selection, Adjustment and Care of Farm Machinery, Bracker.
134 A Study of Variation in Apples During Growing Season, Whitehouse.
135 Variation of Internal Structure of Apple Varieties, Kraus.
136 Vegetable Tesis on Sandy Soil at the Umatilla Experiment Farm, Allen.
137 The Drainage of "White Land" and Other Wet Lands in Oregon, Powers & Teeter.
138 The Pollination of the Pomaceous Fruits, Part III. Gross Vascular Anatomy of the Apple, Kraus & Ralston.
Cir. 18 Swine Husbandry.

Graduates All Pleased.

Oregon Normal School, Monmouth.—"Every member of both the February and the June graduating classes in 1916, who wanted a position, has one and is teaching," was the announcement made by J. H. Ackerman, president of the Oregon Normal School, who aided in distributing the school's teachers when calls came in. There were 45 in the February class and 124 at June—a total of 169—and from these 155 are teaching. A few married and some are pursuing higher courses before beginning to teach.

Autoliet Gets Five Years. San Jose, Cal.—Antone Fodera, a San Francisco business man, was sentenced to five years in San Quentin prison by Judge Beasley, of the superior court, for failing to stop when his automobile struck and killed Hector Zapeda, a Santa Clara University student, on the night of October 31, 1915. Prominent men, among them Justice Henry A. Melvin of the California supreme court, testified as to Fodera's good character, but fell d to save him.

Austrian Ship Blown Up. Paris.—One of the largest Austrian warships blew up recently at Pola, according to a press dispatch from Zurich. The dispatch says refugees from Dalmatia brought the news to Switzerland but they did not know the cause of the explosion.

ONLY ONE SUBMARINE OPERATED ON U. S. COAST, SAYS ADMIRAL

Newport, R. I.—The wholesale raid on foreign shipping south of Nantucket lightship Sunday was the work of one submarine, according to reports of American naval officers. Rear-Admiral Gleaves, commanding the torpedo boat destroyer flotilla which did such remarkably speedy rescue work, said that the reports of all his officers agreed that to the best of their observation one raider only was concerned.

This boat presumably was the U-55, which called at Newport Saturday afternoon to mail a letter to Ambassador Bernstorff and then put to sea without taking on an ounce of supplies, although she had been 17 days off her base, according to the statement of her officers.

Admiral Gleaves said he could easily understand the positive statements of the captain of the Nantucket lightship and of sailors of the torpedoed vessels.



Colonel Swinton of the British army is the inventor and builder of the first "tank," the adapted American tractor, which has been used against the Germans.

more than one submarine was concerned. The U-boat, he said, was very fast and appeared to have been handled very cleverly. It was easy, he pointed out, for her to disappear on one side of a ship and then show up unexpectedly at another spot.

Doubtless, he believed, she had submerged and reappeared often enough to mislead any but a keen professional observer and to create the impression that more than one sea terror was operating.

This opinion would seem to be borne out by the statements of many of the refugees that the submarine had more business on hand than she could take care of at once and was obliged to request one steamer to wait the turn while another was being put out of commission. Lieutenant-Commander Miller, of the destroyer Ericsson, who witnessed the destruction of the Stephano, said he was positive that only one submarine was in the vicinity at the time.

The known list of the victims of the U-boat's Sunday exploits remains at six, notwithstanding reports from the Nantucket lightship that three other ships, the identity of which could not be learned, were sent to the bottom.

There also was a persistent rumor, without verification, that a British cruiser, one of the allied patrols sent to the submarine zone, had been attacked.

Britain Lets Submarine Question Rest.

Washington, D. C.—Unless instructed to do so by the London foreign office, the British embassy here does not intend to make any fresh representations to the state department, as it regards the representations already made in connection with the Deutschland as sufficiently settling the British view of international law on the subject.

From the British point of view only two courses are open: either to convoy all British ships using American ports where the ship is not sufficiently armed to afford full protection, or to withdraw British ships from the American trade.

The latter contains the possibility of much injury to American commerce.

U-Boat Commander Lucky or Wise.

Boston.—Luck was with Captain Hans Rose, the commander of the German submarine U-53 as well advised. There was evidence that when he set out to attack enemy shipping there was not a British warship within 500 miles of the spot in which he chose to operate. For some time, according to men who follow marine affairs, there had been only three British cruisers engaged in patrolling the Atlantic Coast to keep open the path for American-made munitions of war.

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